



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME
COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://fishandgame.lacountycommissions.info>**

Thursday, July 9, 2015

6:00 PM

Call to Order. (15-3220)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hybarger at 6:08 p.m. followed by roll call. Commissioner Wax joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-3408)

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Present: Chair John Hybarger, Commissioner Greg Bombard and Vice Chair Lee Wax

Excused: Commissioner James W. Etter

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the April 9, 2015 Minutes. (15-3221)

On motion of Commissioner Lee Wax, seconded by Commissioner Greg Bombard and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

2. Election of Vice Chairperson. (15-3228)

Commissioner Greg Bombard nominated Commissioner Lee Wax to be elected as the Vice Chair of the Commission, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy and there being no other nomination from the floor and all in favor, Commissioner Lee Wax was elected Vice Chair of the Commission.

3. Review of the Fish and Game Commission's Propagation Fund Summary of Income, Expenditures, and Fund Balance Report, ending June 30, 2015 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. (15-3229)

Staff reported that the Fish and Game Commission Propagation Fund

Balance Report as of June 30, 2015 is \$83,152.94. This total includes an encumbrance of \$8,100 leaving the available balance at \$75,052.94.

On motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

4. Review of the Fish and Game Commission's Trust Fund Reconciliation Report, ending June 30, 2015 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. (15-3230)

Staff reported that the Fish and Game Commission's Trust Fund Balance Report for the month of June 2015 remains at \$6,513.99.

Chair Hybarger provided Commissioner John C. Conroy with a brief clarification of the two accounts and what the funds are used for.

On motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy and unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for July 9, 2015. (15-3231)

Staff reported that County Counsel was contacted regarding the Commissioners inquiry for the solicitation of grants. Staff was informed that the Commission is not allowed to solicit for grants because the Commission represents the Board of Supervisors however the Commission can accept donations. County Counsel will let us know if funds that are donated to the Commissions Trust fund can be utilized for grants.

6. Recommendation to receive and file correspondence from the State of California Fish and Game Commission and Department of Fish and Wildlife - Wildlife Conservation Board:

Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action relative to:

- Section 149 and Appendix A, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to market squid logbooks
- Section 300 and 310.5, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to the prohibition on the use of lead projectiles and ammunition
- Amending Section 502, Title 25, California Code of Regulations, relating to Waterfowl
- Amending Sections 478, 479, and 702, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to the implementation of the Bobcat Protection Act

Notice of Proposed Emergency Action:

- Measures for Fisheries at Risk Due to Drought Conditions

Notice of Findings:

- Related to Livermore Tarplant

Thank you Letter:

- Fourth Supervisorial District (15-3232)

After a review of all the correspondence received, on motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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II. REPORTS

7. Chairperson's report on various items for July 9, 2015. (15-3234)

Chair Hybarger presented a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Fish and Game Commission to Commissioner Sandra Aronberg for her service on the Commission for over 20 years. Chair Hybarger expressed that she has contributed in many ways to the Commission and the constituents of Los Angeles County and hopes that she is recognized at a future Board of Supervisors' meeting.

In continuing his report Chair Hybarger informed the Commission that State of California has issued an updated document relating to the State Wildlife management plan. It is the overall picture of the Department of Fish and Wildlife efforts that is used as a guideline for activities in the desert for everything to do with habitat and wildlife. This document is a requirement for the state to receive federal funds that is utilized for habitat restoration and wildlife management. Meetings were held that gave opportunity for the public to discuss the document and he attended the meeting that was held at the Los Angeles County Zoo.

Chair Hybarger also reported that there is a statewide committee called the Big Game Count Management Committee along with the corresponding committee that deals with Upland game. These two committees utilize funds that are generated through the sale of hunting tags which cost about is \$20 depending on the species that they are

seeking to hunt. The money is pooled and made available to non-profits organizations for habitat restoration, game management, scientific research and other programs that are within the guidelines for using the fund. This can also provide avenues for organizations that submit grant request to the Commission to gain funds for their projects. However, since the funds are generated from hunting tags it can only be allocated for the use of hunting enhancing projects. Chair Hybarger stated that the Commission can help the organizations that request grant funds from them by referring them to these committees. Chair Hybarger further reported that there are many funding sources available for state land and fishery restoration and he will work with staff to put information packets together to be provided to the organizations.

Additionally, Chair Hybarger reported that the Commission received an email from Supervisor Knabe's office regarding the T-shirt that made it to Africa and reminded the Commissioners that small things can make a difference in someone's life.

8. Commissioners' Report on various items for July 9, 2015. (15-3235)

Commissioner Lee Wax reported that he recently went fishing at Castaic Lake, the water level is still decreasing, the landscape is changing and fishing is sporadic. He also reported that there have been many conversations regarding fishing licenses that expire at the end of the year in California. Other states have licenses that are good for one year from the date of purchase.

III. PRESENTATION

9. Presentation on the history of the Los Angeles River and the impact of California drought's on the River.

- Carol Armstrong, Director, L.A. Riverworks, Office of Mayor Garcetti
- Richard Gomez, Richard Gomez, Registered Professional Engineer, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (15-3307)

Ms. Carol Armstrong, Director, Los Angeles (LA) Riverworks, Office of Mayor Garcetti, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the LA River project. Her presentation was titled LA River Ecosystem Restoration and highlighted the history, present and future of the river. The river is 51 miles long and drains in 870 square mile watershed. The PowerPoint presentation covered how the City of Los Angeles was founded because of the river and the LA river Wildlife habitat types of 1896 and 2010. Part of the reason for the LA River restoration project is because its pollution

which has harmful impacts on wildlife. Reasons for the Ecosystem Restoration Project may include:

Case

- **Restoring ecosystem values in 1 of world's 5 Mediterranean-type regions (only in US)**
- **Creating habitat in the Pacific Flyway, an important destination for many avian species on the international migratory treaty path**
- **Stemming and reversing biodiversity loss in the California Floristic Province, one of Top 25 global biodiversity loss hotspots**
- **Strengthening critical connectivity to existing habitat areas in the Santa Monica and San Gabriel mountain ranges, Angeles National Forest and Verdugo Hills**
- **Coalition now calling for Los Angeles River to be included in the National Park Service Rim of the Valley Special Resource Area**

Support

- **Community organizations held a rally in support.**
- **8,500 people signed a petition in support.**
- **Friends of the Los Angeles River gave \$1 million.**
- **LA County is a cost-sharing partner.**
- **State is partner on lands/acquisition.**
- **The Nature Conservancy is starting restoration work in the project area.**
- **Top project of Urban Waters Federal LA Pilot**
- **A Watershed Moment for Urban Riparian Revival River and the impact of California drought's on the River**

Mr. Richard Gomez, Registered Professional Engineer, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works also presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "The History of the Los Angeles River and the Drought Impacts". The presentation highlighted the following:

- **The historic and current alignment**
- **LA River prior to channelization (1937)**
- **Historical Flooding**
- **Channelization of River**
- **LA River Characteristics**
- **Water Sources: Los Angeles River**
- **Drought Impacts**
- **Flowing thru the Heart of Los Angeles**
- **The Los Angeles County 1996 Masterplan**

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IV. DISCUSSION

10. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the 2015 Fall Fish and Game Conference. (15-3308)

Chair Hybarger informed the Commissioners that the Commission hosted the Fall 2015 Fish and Game Conference that was a great success at Fire Camp #2. Chair Hybarger inquired if the Commission is interested in hosting the Fall 2015 Fish and Game Conference and asked the Commissioners to express their thoughts. Chair Hybarger provided Commissioner Conroy with a brief overview of what the conference entails. The Commission agreed to host the conference in November 2015 and directed staff to contact Fire Camp #2 for a date.

After discussion, on Motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Lee Wax and all in favor, the Commission agreed to host the 2015 Fall Southern Counties Fish and Game Conference.

On motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Commissioner Lee Wax and all in favor, the Commission agreed to appropriate an amount not exceeding \$500 from the Fish and Game Commission Trust fund to host the 2015 Fall conference.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

11. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-3236)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-3237)

There were no members of the public present to comment.

Adjournment

13. Adjournment for the meeting of July 9, 2015. (15-3239)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.